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CHARLESTON, IL--Two new assistant basketball coaches, Steve Yount and Tim Waller, have been appointed at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Rick Samuels announced Monday (June 14).

Yount, 25, has been associated with the Panther basketball program the past two years, first as a graduate assistant and then a parttime coach last season. Waller, 27, was an assistant at Western Michigan University.

"Our recruiting is complete and now we have hired two bright, young coaches so we're anxious to start planning for the '82-83 season," said Samuels.

Prior to Eastern, Yount was a four year letterman at Augustana (IL) College. He captained the 1980 Vikings who finished second in the NCAA III Midwest Regional with a 20-6 record.

He was their 'Outstanding Defensive Player' in 1978-79 and also earned four letters in baseball. A 1975 graduate of Champaign Central HS, Yount lettered three years for Coach Lee Cabutti earning All-Big-12 honors as the Maroons scoring leader. He also was an all-conference split end in football. He married Beth Sleeman a year ago.

"Steve is familiar with our program and has done a good job working with our players. His knowledge of our system is a great asset, and now he's extremely anxious to succeed as a recruiter," Samuels said.

Waller has been an assistant at Western Michigan the past two seasons. He earned his undergraduate degree and took graduate courses at WMU, majoring in communications. He worked a year as an administrative assistant with Mobile Oil Company before returning to the coaching profession.

He also was the assistant basketball coach at Elmhurst College (1978-79) for one season and actively involved with summer basketball camps at both WMU and the University of Illinois while an undergraduate.

Also, he participated in several campus organizations as an undergraduate including theatre productions and intramurals.

He was selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and the recipient of a Thurgood Marshall Graduate Assistantship, named in honor of the Supreme Court Justice.

He is married (Carla) and a 1973 graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit.

"Tim has been associated with excellent basketball people at Western Michigan. He served as a basketball manager under Eldon Miller (now Ohio State coach) and comes highly recommended by him," Samuels said.

"The past two years he was an assistant under Les Wothke who recently was hired at the military academy . . . plus Tim has been exposed to recruiting Chicago, Detroit, southern Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio areas. Those are the same locales that are important to our recruiting.

"He's a very personable young man who I'm confident will make a favorable impression upon prospective students, their parents and the public."

Eastern, which enters its second year of competition in NCAA Division I, was 14-13 last year, its ninth straight winning season.